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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Military Information from Neuruppin

EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT

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DATE PREPARED 14 October 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. Between 21 and 24 September 1953, the Fridericus Kaserne in Neuruppin was occupied by an estimated 4,000 to 5,000 troops. [redacted] Unit. Zadoroshny numbered about 900 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank, artillery and signal insignia. Weapons observed included 21 JS tanks, [redacted] and 493; 22 JSU-122 guns, [redacted] 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 9 six-wheel armored personnel carriers and 4 half-track armored personnel carriers. 50X1-HUM
2. Between 21 and 24 September, Wulkow Castle was occupied by about 20 officers and about 140 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with motor transport insignia. The unit had the designation Unit Kusmenkov. On 24 September, about 15 trucks and 15 tank trucks were seen in the installation. Carbines, submachine guns and light machine guns were seen in an ordnance room. 50X1-HUM
3. At 3:30 p.m. on 28 September, 6 JS-3 tanks, [redacted] towing 4 x 37-mm AA guns; and each occupied by 16 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia left the Panzer Kaserne toward Altruppin. At 4:10 p.m., 314 unarmed soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia left the Friedrich Franz Kaserne toward Karl Marxstrasse. 50X1-HUM
4. On 30 September, a column of 13 tanks and SP guns [redacted] was seen en route toward Kraenzlin. 50X1-HUM

Comment. The information does not indicate any changes in the occupation of the Neuruppin post over the preceding report of late September. [redacted] the tanks from the Fridericus Kaserne belong to the 71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div with the known Lieutenant Colonel Sadoroshny (fau). The supply officer of the unidentified motor transport battalion of the division in Wulkow, Kusmenkov (fau), is mentioned for the first time. 50X1-HUM

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